

Lake County Illinois

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

11:00 AM

Conference Room C, 10th Floor

Revenue, Records, and Legislation Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Hewitt called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present 5 - Chair Hewitt, Vice Chair Rummel, Member Durkin, Member Nixon and Member Wilke

Absent 2 - Member Paxton and Member Stolman

Others present:

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Carol Calabresa, Lake County Board Member

Steve Carlson, Lake County Board Member

Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services

Joy Gossman, Public Defender

Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office

Adlil Issakoo, Finance and Administrative Services

Aaron Lawlor, Lake County Board Chairman

Adam Lehmann, Assistant to the County Administrator's Office

Donna Jo Maki, County Administrator's Office

Kimberly Mannette, Information Technology

Matt Meyers, Planning, Building and Development

Patrice Sutton Burger, Finance and Administrative Services

Paula Trigg, Division of Transportation

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

Ryan Waller, Assistant County Administrator

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Board Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Nixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

4. Added to Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

7. New Business

COUNTY CLERK

7.1 14-0964

Report from Willard R. Helander, County Clerk, for the month of August 2014.

Attachments: [CCO Report for August 2014](#)

A motion was made by Member Durkin, seconded by Member Nixon, that items 7.1 and 7.2 be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hewitt, Vice Chair Rummel, Member Durkin, Member Nixon and Member Wilke

Absent: 2 - Member Paxton and Member Stolman

7.2 14-1125

Report from Willard R. Helander, County Clerk, for the month of September 2014.

Attachments: [LCC Report for September 2014](#)

A motion was made by Member Durkin, seconded by Member Nixon, that items 7.1 and 7.2 be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hewitt, Vice Chair Rummel, Member Durkin, Member Nixon and Member Wilke

Absent: 2 - Member Paxton and Member Stolman

RECORDER OF DEEDS

7.3 14-1060

Report from Mary Ellen Vanderverter, Recorder of Deeds, for the month of September 2014.

Attachments: [September 2014 Legistar.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Wilke, seconded by Member Nixon, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 5 - Chair Hewitt, Vice Chair Rummel, Member Durkin, Member Nixon and Member Wilke

Absent: 2 - Member Paxton and Member Stolman

TREASURER

7.4 14-1009

Report from Robert Skidmore, Treasurer, for the month of August 2014.

Attachments: [CASH INVESTMENTS AUG 2013.rtf](#)

[CASH INVESTMENTS AUG 2014.rtf](#)

A motion was made by Member Nixon, seconded by Member Durkin, that items 7.4 and 7.5 be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 5 - Chair Hewitt, Vice Chair Rummel, Member Durkin, Member Nixon and Member Wilke

Absent: 2 - Member Paxton and Member Stolman

7.5 14-1136

Report from Robert Skidmore, Treasurer, for the month of September 2014.

Attachments: [CASH INVESTMENTS SEPT 2014.rtf](#)
[CASH INVESTMENTS SEP 2013.rtf](#)

A motion was made by Member Nixon, seconded by Member Durkin, that items 7.4 and 7.5 be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 5 - Chair Hewitt, Vice Chair Rummel, Member Durkin, Member Nixon and Member Wilke

Absent: 2 - Member Paxton and Member Stolman

STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION

7.6 14-1148

Resolution approving the 2015 Lake County State and Federal Legislative Program.

Attachments: [Final Legislative Agenda 2015.pdf](#)

Assistant County Administrator Ryan Waller reviewed stated and federal initiatives brought forth by department staff. Kip Kolkmeier of Kolkmeier Consulting participated via telephone. Mr. Waller indicated the County takes the lead on sponsorship initiatives by educating and lobbying state legislators to pass its initiatives. County support initiatives are initiatives that are on a regional or global level and involve other partner organizations. Over 6,000 bills will be filed in Springfield during the spring session and efforts are made to advance sponsorship and support initiatives as well as to advocate against bills that would not be in the best interest of the County.

Mr. Waller presented the first proposed state sponsorship initiative by the State's Attorney's Office to seek clarification in the language of the Overdose Prevention Program to grant civil protection to health care professionals and emergency response personnel who administer the drug Naloxone, commonly known as Narcan, when they are acting in their official capacity. The Good Samaritan Law was previously considered protection against officers and emergency response personnel for the administration of Narcan, but a recent Supreme Court ruling undermines this protection. Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor indicated this is an important initiative but it would be better served to broaden the support for it and have other organizations take the lead on in it. He recommended the County Board support this initiative. Lake County Board Member Carol Calabresa reported on the epidemic of overdoses in the County and the importance of having civil protection for officers and first responders. She agreed this initiative does require more support from other agencies. Mr. Kolkmeier indicated this issue would be

actively lobbied against by trial lawyer lobbyists. In absence of a very large group advocating on behalf of this initiative, Mr. Kolkmeier is pessimistic legislators will enact a bill providing this protection. Upon inquiry from Lake County Board Member Calabresa on how to move this initiative forward, County Administrator Barry Burton indicated there is a need to obtain support via different organizations such as the Chiefs' of Police Association and the County Collar Chairs Committee. Mr. Waller noted the Health Department has a legislative committee which may also be able to garner support on this issue. The consensus of the Committee is to move this issue from a sponsorship initiative to a support initiative.

Mr. Waller presented the next proposed state sponsorship initiative from the justice departments which seek to amend the Drug Court Treatment Act language to allow people who have previously gone through the Drug Court Program a subsequent opportunity to participate. Other programs, such as Veteran's Court and Health Court allow people to reenter a program but this opportunity is not available for those who have gone through the Drug Court Program. Joy Gossman of the Public Defender's Office indicated there have been instances when people thought they were at rock bottom joined the program only to relapse. Discussion occurred whether Lake County should take the lead on this issue. Ms. Gossman noted the State mandates each County to have a Drug Court Program and obtaining additional support with other Counties would be beneficial. Mr. Kolkmeier indicated that additional support would provide a good chance for the initiative to move forward. The consensus of the Committee is to move this issue from a sponsorship initiative to a support initiative.

Mr. Waller presented the Sheriff's Office proposed state sponsorship initiative to amend the language in the County's code to clarify those serving as court security officers who are not certified by a merit commission be subject to the sheriff's Office jurisdiction for disciplinary purposes. State law provides the Sheriff's Office the authority to hire court security officers but is silent on the discipline process. Karen Fox of the State's Attorney Office indicated while the State's Attorney believes the Sheriff's Office has the authority on disciplinary processes, one could argue the Merit Commission has the authority. The ambiguity of the law requires clarification. Mr. Kolkmeier indicated this is a good initiative to take the lead and while the process may not be easy, it is logical for Lake County to seek clarification. The consensus of the Committee is to sponsor this initiative.

Mr. Waller presented a proposed state sponsorship initiative to allow a non-home rule county to impose a food and beverage tax or an amusement tax, consistent with existing municipal authority, in unincorporated areas of the county that are to commercially developed pursuant to a Planned Unit Development through an intergovernmental agreement with one or more adjoining municipalities. Lake County Board Chairman Lawlor expressed concern regarding proposing too many taxes to state legislators. County Administrator Barry Burton noted a directive can be given to not expend too much

time on this initiative and to present it only if an opportunity arises. Mr. Kolkmeier state this issue is narrow in nature, but may be difficult for legislators to consider an additional taxing authority. Discussion occurred. The consensus of the Committee is to sponsor this initiative but not to devote too much time on it.

Mr. Waller presented a proposed state sponsorship initiative from the Finance and Administrative Services Department to amend the County Code to grant permissive authority to counties to allow for more transparent budgeting of capital projects in a separate fund. The County's capital projects are not separated from the general fund due to caps dictated by law. Being granted authority similiar to that of municipalities would allow staff to be as transparent as possible when budgeting for capital projects. Mr. Kolkmeier noted additional language may be requested to identify this initiative does not provide authority for additional spending, taxing or bonding. County Administrator Burton indicated the language should be amended immediately to clarify this. The consensus of the Committee is to sponsor this initiative.

Mr. Waller presented the proposed state sponsorship initiatives from the Planning, Building and Development Department for administrative adjudicative and recovery of outstanding liens. These initiatives were in the 2014 legislative program but were caught up in the legislative session. The administrative adjudication initiative would streamline the process to allow the County to collect fines and fees. The outstanding liens initiative would allow the County to recover liens before a property is sold. Mr. Kolkmeier indicated these initiatives had tremendous success last year in the Senate but were bogged down in the House of Representatives. If approved as a sponsor initiative, Mr. Kolkmeier suggesting starting this initiative in the House of Representatives and then going to the Senate. The consensus of the Committee is to sponsor both these initiatives.

Mr. Waller presented a proposed state sponsorship initiative from the Sheriff's Office to amend County the Fox Waterway Agency Act to allow Lake and McHenry Counties the ability to pass an ordinance establishing a single public safety enforcement fee. County Administrator Burton indicated this initiative was on the 2014 legislative program. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources appears to have become more engaged and has placed more boats on the Fox Waterway Chain of Lakes in summer 2014. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Committee is to sponsor this initiative.

Mr. Waller presented the proposed state support initiative that would advance the implementation of the Central Lake County Corridor (Route 53/120). County Administrator Burton reported the Blue Ribbon Task Force and the Finance Task force were formed by the Tollway. There is an assumption the Tollway will sponsor initiatives to move this project forward but it is not clear what those initiatives are at this time. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Committee is to support this initiative.

Mr. Waller presented a proposed support initiative to support the Illinois General Assembly's efforts to address usage of opiates through legislative proposals geared toward public awareness, state tracking of opiate overdoses, doctor shopping, and opiate education. Lake County Board Member Calabresa discussed the heroin problem in Lake County and the County's efforts in investigating different programs to prevent the use of opiates. Many of the programs are geared toward middle school or high school children. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Committee is to support this initiative.

Mr. Waller presented a proposed federal support initiative that would support amendments to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) that clarify when healthcare providers can share information with law enforcement and family members regarding overdose situations. The consensus of the Committee is to support this initiative.

Mr. Waller reported this issue will be presented to the County Board at its November 11, 2014 meeting and will include the changes discussed today.

A motion was made by Member Durkin, seconded by Member Nixon, that this resolution be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hewitt, Vice Chair Rummel, Member Durkin, Member Nixon and Member Wilke

Absent: 2 - Member Paxton and Member Stolman

8. Executive Session

Executive Session was entered into at 12:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Rummel, seconded by Member Nixon, to go into executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Hewitt, Vice Chair Rummel, Member Durkin, Member Nixon and Member Wilke

Absent: 2 - Member Paxton and Member Stolman

8.1 14-1144

Executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Executive session was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Durkin, seconded by Member Rummel, that this item be to come out of executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Hewitt, Vice Chair Rummel, Member Durkin, Member Nixon and Member Wilke

Absent: 2 - Member Paxton and Member Stolman

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Nixon, seconded by Member Durkin, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hewitt, Vice Chair Rummel, Member Durkin, Member Nixon and Member Wilke

Absent: 2 - Member Paxton and Member Stolman

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Revenue, Records & Legislation Committee